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Statement from Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Michael Subin Regarding the Lack of Commission Direction at the WSSC

“There have been rampant rumors, numerous Commission closed meetings, and several accusatory newspaper articles. Five months have passed since the Commissioners met in secret to terminate the General Manager. It is unbelievable his status has still not been resolved.

“In addition, Councilmembers hear that critical contracts have not been awarded, and important projects are in limbo, including school water issues. But we get NO substantive answers; we are given only superficial responses.

“This is an unacceptable way for a government organization to work with the Council or with its customers. A 600 million dollar public agency cannot continue in this current rudderless status. This is NOT the good government our residents have come to expect.

“We demand that the WSSC Commissioners resolve the status of the General Manager by July 21st. If the General Manager chooses to leave, the Commission must appoint an interim Manager and Deputy from within senior level WSSC staff and commence a national search for another professional executive immediately. We must return transparency and responsibility to this troubled agency. Our ratepayers will foot the bill otherwise.

“If the Commissioners can not respond in this time frame, then they will be affirming the alleged serious problems at the WSSC. In that case, it will force us to consider steps to resolve the impasse and restore responsible direction to this essential agency charged with ensuring public health and safety. Hopefully, this will not be necessary. It is time to act now.” # # #